

176361

DBD/19/05

C. DUKES SCOTT  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

P.O. Box 11263  
Columbia, S.C. 29211

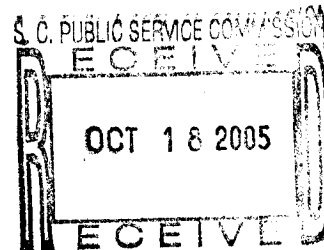


Phone: (803) 737-0800  
Fax: (803) 737-0801

DAN E. ARNETT  
CHIEF OF STAFF

October 17, 2005

Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
P.O. Drawer 11649  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211



DOCKET NO. 2005-247-C - Joint Application of Universal Access, Incorporated and Vanco Direct USA, LLC for Approval of an Asset Purchase Agreement and Transfer of Customers

Mr. Terreni:

The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) finds no reason to oppose the Commission's approval of the above referenced Application jointly filed by Universal Access, Inc. (UAI) and Vanco Direct USA, LLC (Vanco). ORS does note that Vanco's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is a matter pending final review by Commission. ORS has reviewed the instant Application and the Verified Testimony of Brian Registe. The Application indicates that the customers will be notified of the transaction and will be given an opportunity to change carriers. Additionally, the customers will continue to receive services under the same rates, terms, and conditions. It appears that the approval of this matter by the Commission would be in the public interest.

Sincerely,

James M. McDaniel  
Program Manager – Telecommunications  
Office of Regulatory Staff

Cc: Florence Belser, General Counsel  
Katie C. Morgan – Director -  
Telecommunications, Transportation, Water /Wastewater  
EllenAnn Sands, Esquire  
Russell M. Blau  
Douglas D. Orvis